

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected.

Claims 1 - 10 are currently amended herein.

Claims 11-14 are original claims.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yi (US 5,660,401). As a result of the Examiner's telephonic interview, newly amended Claim 1 and therefore also dependent claims 2-9 are believed to distinguish over Yi and the other references currently of record in this application. Claim 10 (slightly amended in this amendment), and depending claims 11-14, which relate to a transportation device having two footboards, is also believed to distinguish over Yi and the other references currently of record.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In summary thereof, all claims pending in this application are considered to be in a condition for allowance. Entry and consideration of the present amendment is respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

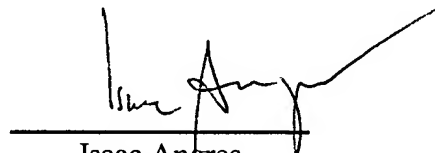
Any amendment to the claims that have been made in this amendment, which do not narrow the scope of the claims, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered cosmetic in nature, and to have been

made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777 if he feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues.

An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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